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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, ET
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR COPIES OF TENTH SUPPLEMENTAL TO KAGNEW AGREEMENT

REF: ASMARA 0668 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL SOUGHT EMBASSY ADVICE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO MOFA ASMARA BRANCH REQUEST FOR A COPY OF TENTH SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE FOR KAGNEW STATION, TO USE IN INFORMING ERITREAN CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR COL..FIKRU OF STATUS OF KAGNEW. CONGEN SHOULD REPLY BUT WE BELIEVE REPLY SHOULD BE AS LOW KEY AS POSSIBLE SO AS NOT TO STIMULATE ANY ETHIOPIAN INITIATIVE TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS ON KAGNEW.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE THAT ASMARA SHOULD SIMPLY INFORM MOFA ASMARA THERE IS NO TENTH SUPPLEMENT EVEN IN DRAFT AND THAT EMBASSY SUBMITTED LAST REVISED DRAFT OF NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE FOR KAGNEW STATION TO MOFA IN ADDIS ABABA UNDER COVER OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE NO. 139, DATED MARCH 28, 1975. COPY IF NOT AVAILABLE AT CONGEN, BUT COPIES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM MOFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR STUDYING AND REACTING TO TEXT. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR US TO SEND ASMARA COPY OF DRAFT NINTH FOR TRANSMISSION TO MOFA OFFICE, IF ASMARA DOES NOT FEEL THAT REFERRAL OF MOFA TO OWN SOURCES WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY RESPONSIVE.

3. BEFORE ASMARA RESPONDS TO ETHIOPIANS, HOWEVER, EMBASSY
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REQUESTS DEPARTMENT APPROVAL FOR ABOVE APPROACH AS CORRECTLY

REFLECTING OUR CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR DEALING WITH THIS
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